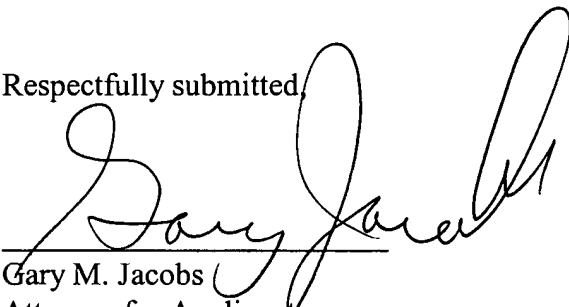


REMARKS

Since Claims 1-26 and 29 have been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicants respectfully request entry of the April 29, 2005 Preliminary Amendment and withdrawal of the May 24, 2005 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

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